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CLERK: 29 ayes, no nays Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Very good, the debate will now close. Senator Duis you may close on the motion regarding the rule change.

SENATOR DUIS: I would not close, I would waive closing, but I want to thank you very much for your kind attention, I would hope that you would come to our next rule hearing sometime so that we can get all these thoughts about taking up the valuable time of the legislature while it is in session, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President I'd like to ask Senator Duis a question?

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Duis will you yield to a question?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Senator Duis, as I understand this, this only relates to bills that have been indefinitely postponed, is this correct?

SENATOR DUIS: That's correct, Senator, let me explain to you and Senator Epke explained it to us and had I think pretty good reasoning for this. This session we have had an immense amount of bills that have been raised out of committee, and for what reason I don't know. We all talked about we want strength in our committees, and we want strength in our committee Chairmen, we've actually voted them from the floor of this legislature this time, but what we do here in 25 votes we've taken quite a bit of the voting power of the committees away from them, and this was for those bills that were indefinitely postponed, were to be taken, require 30 votes instead of 25.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Which does not refer to bills in committee that cannot be either indefinitely postponed or advanced, is this correct? Is that right, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the rule change be adopted, all those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Once again have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 17 nays, 11 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion on the rule change is lost. Now Senator Duis does that clear it up? Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President an explanation of vote, had I been present I would have voted aye on LB 277, 356 and 416, I would have voted aye on LR #31, signed Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President I ask unanimous consent to consider LB 445 on general file on Monday 4-16, Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Lewis in the Chamber? Well hold that then for awhile, oops excuse me Senator Lewis, I looked right past you. Sorry.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Chambers said that's smoke and I think that's just sour grapes on his part. Mr. President, 445 is a bill of real importance and I think it is far enough down the list that perhaps we ought to advance it to a date of certain time, it's a teacher retirement bill been voted out of committee.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Whitney he is asking for unanimous consent, I suppose the next question is do you object?